

Mariners, Mersey share soccer lead

By ALEX TOUGH

The column had a week's rest, with your scribe away in Ohio for his annual golf tourney with General Motors Corp. The results were the same - almost useless, but an enjoyable time in lively Cleveland. The Riverside area, known as the Flats, is very lively indeed. The weather was superb.

It is back to normality and the local, and otherwise, scene. I am not quite sure how the following has happened, but it has. Mariners are tied for first place with Merseyside in the first division of the Inter County. Meteor and United are not far behind.

At the beginning of the season, Mariners could not have dreamed of being in this position, having dwindled in the lower regions of the division for the past few years. United have opened up the division with another good result against Mersey, a 1-1 tie two weeks ago. This coupled with a 1-0 win over the top team earlier

has actually meant the other challengers have been kept in the race. As I indicated a few weeks ago, United have been quietly putting a good season together.

Villa, also, gave Mersey a good run for their money only going down by the odd goal in seven after leading with some 20 minutes to go. Villa then blotted their copybook a little in withdrawing from the field in Streetsville eight minutes from the end of last Wednesday's game. The appointed game officials did not show and a stand in was agreed upon. Somehow matters went out of whack towards the end, with Marlin leading 4-0, and the Villa coach withdrew his players, I understand.

United defeated Winchester 2-1 whilst losing a player through ejection on a disputed penalty kick award. The visitors played pretty soccer while United maintained their steady defence. United scored first, lost an equalizer,

then went ahead and held out for the win.

Meanwhile, Meteor lost at Mersey by 3-4, another high-scoring match with a close finish. Say what you like, opponents cannot let Mersey get a sniff at a game or they will punish and not let you off the hook.

An excellent match at Cedarvale saw Mariners defeat Eagles 6-1. Don't let the score fool you. It was not until after the game ended I was made aware that Eagles were shorthanded, the lads certainly did not play as though players were missing. College and work hits young team squads and this is what happens to Inter County teams like Eagles. Mariners took full advantage of their numbers and put together a match of pace and beauty in accomplishing the win.

The only second division results handed in to me came from Ajax. First, the local club defeated Old Triangle in a make

up game 4-2, which is a fair showing considering Triangle's results so far. Then the lads defeated the league leaders, Blazers, by 2-1 and Laurentians 2-0 for a nice string of victories.

This Wednesday evening has Stingers vs. Old Triangle at Alcott at 7 p.m., followed by Ajax vs. Milton. Mariners are at home again, this time to Villa, who are likely to provide strong opposition, kick-off 8:45 p.m. Eagles travel to Marlin for a late start. Meteor and United were due at Meadowglen at 7 p.m. The game has been postponed until Friday, I understand. Blazers visit Celtic in Mississauga.

Next Monday in the Ladies League CRSC United are at Alcott to host Georgetown #1 and #2 are at Meadowglen against Bolton.

You may often be able to identify a successful tourney with two items, one hosted by a drinking establishment, that is. Cars remaining in the car park, sensible drivers and/or friends of drivers and the number of hangovers the day after. Such was the case at the George & Dragon annual classic fun tourney at the weekend. George sponsor three soccer teams and several other sporting sides in the community. As we started the column this week, so shall we finish, on a golf note.

See you next week, folks.

Green Machine cheesed off after Gino's Pizza delivers a pounding

BOYS UNDER 18

Inclement weather shut down a July 29 match between the Red and the Blue, but it will count as a completed game. The colorblind score: 1-1.

Andreas Reichelmeyer netted the Red goal, but other details were unavailable about the Blue effort at Cedarvale.

BOYS UNDER 14

Steak Express were like a freight train in their July 31 encounter with Blue Blazers at Emmerson Park, winning 7-0.

Stoking the engine, Dan Walraven and Adam Walsh both scored twice and Dean Ellis, Scott Laforet and Jonathan Yantho found the net once each. Kevin Spiteri and David Cairns also showed they had a real "steak" in winning the game. No information was available as to Blazer efforts.

The McEachern Spare Parts came up short on players for their scheduled contest with the

Marauders and gave away the game by default.

BOYS UNDER 11

M&M Pro Sports and Varian Blue Blizzard struggled to a 1-1 tie July 29 at Emmerson Park. Chris Morisawa netted the Pro Sports goal and teammates Stephen Purves and Patrick Huibers also played very well. Details were not available on the Varian effort.

The Goldminers had to settle for silver July 29 in a 3-1 loss to Fendley's Fighters at Alcott. Fighters Kevin Inglis, Ron Dillabough and Wade Nolan all found the net, and Darryl Galloway and David Jubenville were also

noteworthy.

Errol Smith scored for the Goldminers and Paul Bakker and Jeremy Roy also put in fine efforts.

BOYS UNDER 9

The Green Machine was cheesed off after Gino's Pizza delivered them a 4-0 deluxe defeat with no anchovies July 31 at Cedarvale.

A pair of goals by Edward Van Klink and singles by David Murcheson and Nathan Cardon sliced up the Machine, while noteworthy Michael Vandervinne provided the topping. Machinists Jason Hewer, Brad Naylor and Shawn Fulton were also impressive.

Georgetown Minor Hockey Association

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By CHRISTINE COLE Blue Mist

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Throughout the season, Blue Mist adorns its space in the garden as a mound of silver-green foliage. By early August it starts to bloom and continues until frost. It produces clusters of fluffy deep blue flowers on the ends of the slender stems.

Even though Blue Mist is a small shrub (grows to 2 1/2 feet tall) it appears and grows very much like an herbaceous perennial. Each spring (March-April) it should be cut back hard to the base of young growth. This annual pruning will keep the shrub tight and compact.

Blue Mist grows best in a loose, loamy soil and in a full sun exposure. Excessive fertilizer will not improve this shrub instead it causes it to grow loose and thin with few flowers.

Blue Mist is one of the few shrubs that produces blue flowers - which are very attractive when set against the silver foliage.

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